



BENOVIA
WINERY

2017
'LA POMMERAIE' CHARDONNAY
RUSSIAN RIVER VALLEY



HARVEST NOTES

The winter and spring of 2017 were the wettest on record for Russian River Valley and Sonoma County. We welcomed rainfall that filled reservoirs and recharged groundwater after 5 consecutive years of drought. Spring temperatures were moderate with windy and foggy conditions and vines were able to set what looked like a larger than average crop. Several warm weeks in June provided optimal conditions for vine growth and kept our vineyard manager on his toes. The summer conditions to follow were ideal until an extreme heat spike in late August and early September accelerated ripening and set off a fast paced picking schedule. Fortunately, all of our vineyards were harvested and wines were in barrel when on October 8th, Sonoma County experienced the worst firestorm in California history.

WINEGROWER NOTES

This spectacular vineyard sits along Laguna Ridge at the edge of the Green Valley AVA. Meticulously farmed and planted at a very high density of 2,420 vines per acre, the vineyard consists of Dijon clone 548 and 95. Once a spectacular apple orchard we pay homage to the Martinelli Family and the history of the site by naming the wine 'La Pommeraie,' French for apple orchard.

TASTING NOTES

Aromas of lemon custard and Fuji apple are accentuated by ginger and mineral notes and followed by opulent texture and layered flavors of Fuji apple and poached pear on the palate with a mineral laden finish. Indigenous yeast fermentation in French oak barrels and extended aging of 16 months on lees yields an expressive wine with exceptional complexity.

VINEYARD SOURCES

Zio Tony Vineyard farmed by George Martinelli

HARVEST DATE

September 2nd, 2017

ALCOHOL

14.5%

pH

3.26

TA

0.68 g/100ml

FERMENTATION

Whole cluster pressed, indigenous yeast fermentation and weekly bâtonnage

COOPERAGE

16 months in French Oak 30% new French Oak

BOTTLING

March 2019

CASES PRODUCED

327 cases

RELEASE DATE

Fall 2019